H. Cromwell *Lord deputy of* Ireland *to ſecretary* Thurloe.

Dublin, October 22, 1656.

SIR,

ALL good people here are much affected with the good ſucceſſe it hath pleaſed the Lord to give our fleete againſt the Spaniards. The parliament's owneing the quarrele which we have with that prince, and their reſolution to aſſiſt H. H. therein is very conſiderable. The Lord ſtirr up our hearts to a ſuiteable meaſure of thankfulneſs to this ſoe ſeaſonable a mercy. At my returne hither, I founde my lord chancellor Steele and Mr. Bury, whome H. H. hath bin pleaſed to add to the councill. I hope we ſhall unanimouſly joyne to carry on the publique worke. I have ſince my returne bin more courted by the Anabaptiſts, then formerly. Mr. Patient and ſome others, whoe had not bin with me of a longe time before came to viſſit me, and expreſſed much as to their ſatisfaction with my management of thinges here, and that their people had much liberty as they could deſire, and much to the ſame purpoſe. What this means I muſt of a ſudden imagine. I ſhall, as formerly, carry it with all moderation towards them. Things here are quiett, the army ſober and in a good poſture. I have by this given H. H. a large account, and therefore muſt begg your pardon for my preſent brevitie, you may expect to heare more largely from me by the next. I am

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Your moſt affectionate freind and ſervant,

H. CROMWELL.

Lockhart *embaſſador in* France *to ſecretary* Thurloe.

Rue June 2, N. S. [1657.]

RIGHT HONORABLE,

I find the meſſenger gone, by whom I intended to have ſent that I writt from Abbaville; I deſyred his ſtay till I had writt by him, when I left the generall, and went to court, which he promiſed me; but it ſeems afterward altered his reſolution. I am forced to ſend this by a French expreſſe, not daring to truſt any Engliſh man to the country's mercy at preſent, becauſe they are a little incenſed againſt us.

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I thoght to have writt in a buſineſſe, which doth much import his highneſſe to know, but dare not truſt it by this. The next ſhall bring itt under my brother's covert, and I muſt beſeech your honour to uncypher it yourſelf. I return my moſt humble thanks for the kindneſſe expreſſed in your laſt. I am neceſſitated to goe to Paris, but I ſhall not ſtay above two or three dayes at moſt. I muſt waite upon the cardinal this night at Amiens; and therefore muſt put an end to this, by aſſuring your honor, that none living hath more ſincere affections for your ſervice than he hath, whom your goodneſs hath ſoe exceedingly oblydged to be,

May it pleaſe your honor, your moſt humble and obedient Servant,

WILL. LOCRHART.

From Mr. Kingſtonn.

SIR,

I am hartely glad to underſtand by yours of the 30th of March, that all our friends are well; and I may not wonder, that they ſhould be very melancholy at the great joy and triumphs at Bruxeles for the defection of Heſdin, and the defection of mariſhall D'auquencourt. Yet for your comfort wee are not perſuaded here, that the town is ſo abſolutely in the poſſeſſion of our enemies, as the gariſon may not be wonn to continue their obedience to France. Here is a report, as if ſix hundred Swiſs, ſent by the court to Peron, were denyed entrance into the town; but I believe this bruit may be ſpredd by thoſe, that affect the prince of Condé, for the mariſhall D'auquencourt's ſonn hath only the title, not the power of a governour there. Yet they ſay, that his lieutenant, who can doe all, is likewiſe a kinſman of the mariſhall's. However, if this cloude, which begins to gather in Normandy, be once diſperſed, a very conſiderable part of our apprehenſions will be quieted.

In the poſſeſſion of Joſeph Ratcliffe, of the Inner Temple, Eſq;